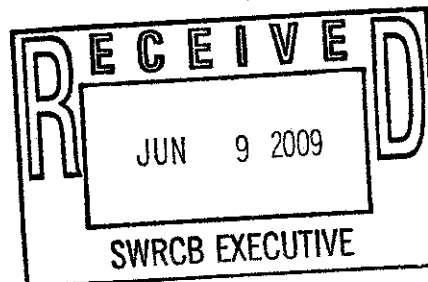




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Dear Sir or Madam:

Western United Dairymen (WUD) is the largest dairy producer trade association in California representing about 1,000 families who produce over 60% of California's milk. WUD understands that the State Water Resources Control Board will consider an item at an upcoming Board meeting to decide on the allocation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) projects and that State Board staff recommends that the funds be used to help urban disadvantaged communities. WUD requests that the State Board consider rural projects also and that the funding allocation be based on a projects ability to improve water quality.

Most dairy farmers in the Central Valley of California are regulated by General Waste Discharge Requirements for existing milk cow dairies adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board in May 2007. Dairies are facing dire economic conditions in addition to this new regulatory requirement. Because of the economic conditions in the State and the drought, rural areas are being severely affected and deserve an equal opportunity to access funds to protect water quality and assist the local economy.

Very truly yours,

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